Section 14.

For the purposes of this Article, property shall be deemed to have been taken:

- 1. In cases in which the plaintiff is lawfully authorized to take the property before trial pursuant to Section 40A or Section 40B of Article III of the Constitution of this State, when the payment required thereunder has been made to the defendant or into court and any security required thereunder has been given and there has been an actual and lawful appropriation of the property to the public purposes of the plaintiff. THE PLAINTIFF HAS TAKEN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY AND ACTUALLY AND LAWFULLY APPROPRIATED IT TO THE PUBLIC PURPOSES OF THE PLAINTIFF.
- 2. In all other cases, upon payment of the judgment and costs by the plaintiff pursuant to Maryland Rule U23. SUBTITLE U OF THE MARYLAND RULES.
- SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCES IS HELD INVALID, SUCH INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF THIS ACT WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.
- SEC. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT ALL LAWS OR PARTS OF LAWS, PUBLIC GENERAL OR PUBLIC LOCAL, INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT OF ANY SUCH INCONSISTENCY.
- SEC. 2. 4. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved March 14, 1963.

CHAPTER 53

(Senate Bill 12)

An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 49 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Chancery," subtitle "Inebriates," to require a judge before committing a person habitually addicted to the use of narcotic drugs to a state mental hospital to consult with and have the approval of the superintendent of the hospital for the commitment.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 49 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Chancery," subtitle "Inebriates," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

49.

When any person charged with the commission of a criminal